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**FOSTER YOUTH IDENTITY THEFT**

Recently passed state legislation, AB 2985 (Maze), addresses the troubling circumstance of adults or other youth stealing the identity of our foster youth. The bill requires a County welfare department, on behalf of a youth in a foster care placement who reaches his/her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, to request a consumer disclosure revealing whether the youth has been a victim of identity theft. If the consumer disclosure reveals any negative items or evidence that identity theft has occurred, the new law requires the County welfare department refer the youth to an approved organization that provides services to victims of identity theft.

To further strengthen AB 2985 and aid the young victims of identify theft, we need to ensure all types of identity thefts are revealed, including thefts involving social security numbers, utility/phone bills, loans and government documents.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Officer, the Director of Children and Family Services and the Chief Probation Officer to report back to the Board of Supervisors within 30 days, and quarterly thereafter, on:

1. The scope of foster youth identity theft in Los Angeles County and the effectiveness of measures taken to address this problem;
2. Whether AB 2985 and subsequent State implementation instructions sufficiently address the problem and allow the disclosure of all types of identity theft affecting our foster youth; and
3. The County's plan and resources needed to implement the services required by AB 2985.

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